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THE INCOME TAX.

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bodies the just principle observed by Him who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb."

And, Mr. Chairman, I desire to here enter my protest against the false political economy taught by our opponents in this debate and against the perversion of language which we have witnessed. They tell us that it is better to consider expediency than equity in the adjustment of taxation. They tell us that it is right to tax consumption, and thus make the needy pay out of all proportion to their means but that it is wrong to make a slight compensation for this system by exempting small incomes from an income tax. They tell us that it is wise to limit the use of the necessities of life by heavy indirect taxation, but that it is vicious to lessen the enjoyment of the luxuries of life by a light tax upon large incomes. They tell us that those who make the load heaviest upon persons least able to bear it are distributing the burdens of government with an impartial hand, but that those who insist that each citizen should contribute to government in proportion as God has prospered him are blinded by prejudice against the rich. They call that man a statesman whose ear is tuned to catch the slightest pulsations of a pocket-book, and denounce as a demagogue anyone who dares to listen to the heart-beat of humanity. Let me refer again, in conclusion, to the statement made by the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cockran), that the rich people of his city favor the income tax. In a letter which appeared in the New York World on the 7th of this month, Ward McAllister, the leader of the "Four Hundred," enters a very emphatic protest against the income tax. Here is an extract:

In New York city and Brooklyn the local taxation is ridiculously high, in spite of the virtuous protest to the contrary by the officials in authority. Add to this high local taxation an income tax of 2 per cent on every income exceeding \$4,000, and many of our best people will be driven out of the country. An impression seems to exist in the minds of our great democratic solons in congress that a rich man would give up all his wealth for the privilege of living in this country. A very short period of income taxation would show these gentlemen their mistake. The custom is growing from year to year for rich men to go abroad and live, where expenses for the necessities and luxuries of life are not nearly so high as they are in this country. The United States, in spite of their much boasted natural resources, could not maintain such a strain for any considerable length of time.

But whither will these people fly? If their tastes are English, "quite English, you know," and they stop in London, they will find a tax of more than 2 per cent assessed upon incomes; if they look for a place of refuge in Prussia, they will find an income tax of 4 per cent; if they search for seclusion among the mountains of Switzerland, they will find an income tax of 8 per cent; if they seek repose under the sunny skies of Italy, they will find an income tax of more than 12 per cent; if they take up their abode in Austria, they will find a tax of 20 per cent. I repeat, Whither will they fly?

Mr. Weadock: The gentleman will allow me to suggest that at Monte Carlo such a man would not have to pay any tax at all.

Mr. Bryan: Then, Mr. Chairman, I presume to Monte Carlo he would go, and that there he would give up to the wheel of fortune all the wealth of which he would not give a part to support the government which enabled him to accumulate it.

Are there really any such people in

this country? Of all the mean men I have ever known, I have never known one so mean that I would be willing to say of him that his patriotism was less than 2 per cent deep.

There is not a man whom I would charge with being willing to expatriate himself rather than contribute from his abundance to the support of the government that protects him.

If "some of our best people" prefer to leave the country rather than pay a tax of 2 per cent, God pity the worst.

If we have people who value free government so little that they prefer to live under monarchical institutions, even without an income tax, rather than live under the stars and stripes and pay a 2 per cent tax, we can better afford to lose them and their fortunes than risk the contaminating influence of their presence.

I will not attempt to characterize such persons. If Mr. McAllister is a true prophet, if we are to lose some of our "best people" by the imposition of an income tax, let them depart, and as they leave without regret the land of their birth, let them go with the poet's curse ringing in their ears: Breaths there the man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land! Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,

As home his footsteps he hath turned From wandering on a foreign strand? If such there breathes, go, mark him well;

For him no minstrel raptures swell; High though his titles, proud his name, Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;

Despite those titles, power, and pelf, The wretch, concentered all in self, Living, shall forfeit fair renown, And, doubly dying, shall go down To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,

Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

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stitutional because treason is defined in the constitution. Mr. Bacon insisted that the constitution intended that every man should be equal before the law and said the remedy for an attack upon the president or the killing of the president should be regarded the same as that of a crime upon an individual. He denied that congress had jurisdiction to legislate with reference to attacks on the sovereignty of the United States through the person of an official. Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin insisted that congress had ample power to deal with the offense. Mr. Bacon replied that the bill, if passed in its present form, would muzzle the press and make any editor afraid of expressing an opinion of the president or any other official for fear that, if thereafter the president would be killed, he would be tried for murder. He would not, he said, vote for the bill if he were the only man in the senate or the house opposed to it. The only way to protect the president, vice president, or heads of departments, according to Mr. Bacon, was to prevent persons who may have designs on their lives from having the opportunity. When Mr. Bacon concluded his speech, Mr. Hoar secured the unanimous consent that the bill should become the unfinished business after the ship subsidy bill had been disposed of.

CUBAN TARIFF BILL.

On the evening of March 5 the republican members of the house held a conference for the purpose of discussing the Cuban reciprocity proposition. Mr. Tawney of Minnesota and Mr. Babcock of Wisconsin opposed the reduction of the tariff on Cuban sugar and tobacco. At this conference Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania made a speech in support of the scheme presented by the ways and means committee, providing a reduction of 20 per

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cent on the Dingley tariff rate on Cuban sugar and tobacco, when a similar reduction was made on American goods going into Cuba. Mr. Taylor of Ohio opposed any tariff reduction on the grounds that if the question was taken up at this time a general tariff debate would result and possibly some reduction be made which "would upset the prosperous conditions existing at present." Mr. Mahon of Pennsylvania offered a resolution providing that all action be postponed until the next session of congress. He said there was no hurry about taking action as Cuba would not be in a position for some months to make a reciprocity treaty with this or any other country. Mr. Long of Kansas spoke in support of the ways and means proposition. Mr. Tawney sought to have the time fixed for a vote, but Speaker Henderson opposed this and advised "calm and deliberate action in which all republicans could concur." During this debate Mr. Mason of Pennsylvania asked Mr. Dalzell if he would have opposed the 20 per cent reduction if the principal products of Cuba had been iron and steel. Mr. Dalzell ignored the question. Then a Michigan representative asked Mr. Dalzell if he would support the ways and means proposition as he was then doing, if he (Dalzell) came from Michigan or any state that produced beet sugar. Mr. Dalzell said he would not. During the evening Mr. Roosevelt authorized a statement as follows: "Any statement that the president has changed his attitude on Cuban reciprocity is without the slightest foundation in fact." A dispatch in the Chicago Tribune says that the proposition to give aid to Cuba would have been defeated at the conference if it had not been for Speaker Henderson's appeal for deliberate action.

GOOD WORK

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Providence is sometimes credited with directing the footsteps by so simple a way as the reading of a food advertisement.

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Some said I had consumption, others said dropsy. One day, as if by providence, I read the testimonial of a lady whose symptoms were much the same as mine, and she told of how Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food had cured her, so I concluded to try it.

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